



February Half Term

# Kids Activity .....Pack.....

Packed full of family  
friendly fun activities  
and challenges for  
everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail



[www.transpenninetrail.org.uk](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk)

Let's go on a...

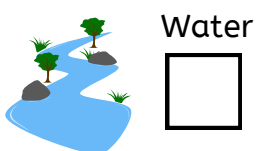
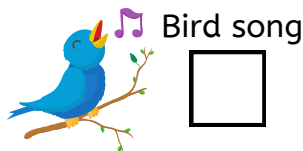
# Sensory Walk in Nature

Take a walk in nature with Sophie Squirrel and describe what you can hear feel and smell

Describe what you can hear: \_\_\_\_\_

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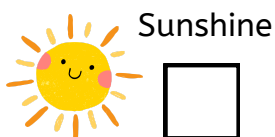
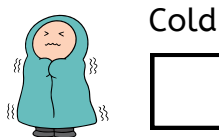
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Describe what you can feel: \_\_\_\_\_

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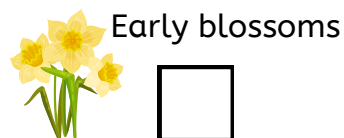
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Describe what you can smell: \_\_\_\_\_

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Get creative and make some...

# Salt Dough Animals

**Help Hannah Horse make some animals that you might find on the Trail.**

**You will need:**

- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 3/4 cups of water
- 1 tablespoon of oil
- Paint
- Brushes
- Oven



- 1 Mix all the ingredients in a bowl and work the dough until it's smooth.
- 2 Use your imagination to make your animals! A ladybird, dragonfly, caterpillar, hedgehog, snake or snail - you decide.
- 3 After you have made your animals, put them in the oven for about 30 minutes 150 degrees Celsius. They should be hard after you remove them. Let them cool off for a few hours.
- 4 After your animals are cold and ready, you can start to paint them! Use the colours you like, either their real ones or more fun and unexpected combinations.
- 5 Let the paint dry and then your Spring animals are ready to display!



Why not keep them in your room to remind you of the beauty of nature!

**Credit:** <https://www.babysits.uk/community-resources/3299/3-spring-crafts-for-kids/>



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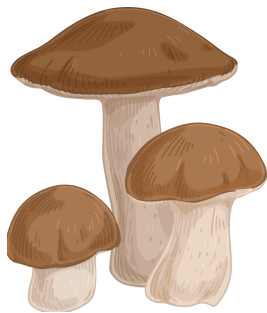
# Half term I-spy Mission

**Take a walk in nature with Rebecca Rabbit and see what you can spot**

Look out for the things below and tick them off the sheet when you spot them.



Mushrooms



Moss



Animal footprints



Tree



Feather



Robin



Squirrel



Snowdrops



Why not draw a picture of something you have spotted in nature and send a picture of it to me?



Let's explore the...

# Trans Pennine Trail in February

**Help Connor the Caterpillar answer these fun questions about the Trans Pennine Trail in February**

- 1 What is the Trans Pennine Trail (TPT)?  
a) A walking, cycling, wheeling and horse riding path  
b) A railway line  
c) A motorway                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 What is the most likely weather you could get on the TPT in February?  
a) Hot and sunny  
b) Cold and possibly snowy  
c) Rainy and humid                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Which animal is most likely to be hibernating during February along the TPT?  
a) Hedgehog  
b) Squirrel  
d) Deer                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 February on the TPT is a great time for spotting which of the following?  
a) Butterflies  
b) Sunflowers  
c) Snowdrops                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 What should you bring with you on a hike along the TPT in February?  
a) Sunscreen and a beach towel  
b) Warm clothes, a map, and a torch  
c) A picnic basket and a kite                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 What is a common activity for families to enjoy on the TPT?  
a) Ice skating  
b) Walking  
c) Train spotting                      **answer:** \_\_\_\_\_



(1a 2b 3a 4c 5b 6b)



Let's bake some...

# Easy Jam Tarts!



## Help greedy Ford Fox make some delicious jam tarts!

These easy to make jam tarts are a great baking project for the kids to do with adult supervision.

### You will need:

- 250g plain flour - plus extra for dusting
- 125g butter - chilled and diced, plus extra for the tin
- 1 medium egg
- 100g jam of your choice
- Tablespoon of water
- 1 vanilla pod seeds - scraped (**optional**)
- Mixing bowl
- 12 hole tart tin
- Pastry cutter
- Cling film
- Oven

- 1 Put the flour, butter and a pinch of salt in a bowl and rub them together with your fingertips.
- 2 When the mixture looks and feels like fresh bread crumbs, stir in the egg (and optional vanilla seeds) with a cutlery knife.
- 3 Add 1 tbsp cold water, then start to bring the dough together in one lump with your hands – try not to knead it too much. Add 1 more tbsp of water if it's not coming together, but try not to add more than that.
- 4 Wrap in cling film and chill in the fridge for 30 mins.
- 5 Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.
- 6 Butter a 12-hole tart tin, then dust your work surface with flour.
- 7 Unwrap and roll out the chilled pastry so it's about the thickness of a £1 coin, then use a cutter to cut out 12 circles, big enough to line the holes in the tin.
- 8 Dollop 1-2 tsp of your chosen filling into each one and, if you like, cut out little pastry hearts (perfect for Mum and Dad) and pop them on top.
- 9 Bake for 15-18 mins or until golden and the filling is starting to bubble a little.
- 10 Leave to cool in the tin for a few mins then carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.



**Credit:** <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/valentines-day-jam-tarts>

Trans Pennine Trail



Can you solve the...

# Wordsearch

**Can you help Mandy Mole find all the words in the word search?**

Look at the puzzle and cross off all the words as you find them!

O I Y A D V E N T U R E  
Y T L Q P N I R O N W S  
A O T I E N U O I D O N  
I E S T A I W B E R P O  
Y B S U R O P I D B S W  
A I E R S E O N A O L D  
D R P E O I E N R S I R  
I W E L L I E S E I A O  
L E R R I U Q S V A R P  
O L I D S A S R D D T S  
H E L E L W P Q O E I R  
P N S R O O D T U O R S

**ADVENTURE**

**HOLIDAY**

**OUTDOORS**

**ROBIN**

**SNOWDROPS**

**SQUIRREL**

**TRAIL**

**TREES**

**WELLIES**



Read all about Mandy Mole's..

# Trans Pennine Trail Adventure

## Chapter One: The Journey Begins

Mandy Mole peeked out from her burrow near the Weather Vane in Southport. Today was the day - her big adventure along the Trans Pennine Trail! She had heard stories of hidden wonders and treasures, and she was determined to find them.

With her tiny backpack secured, she scurried along the Trail, leaving behind the seaside breeze. Soon, she reached the Cheshire Lines, where tall trees swayed gently above the old railway path.

Suddenly, whoosh! - a flash of red fur leapt from the branches.

"Hello! I'm Sophie Squirrel," said a friendly voice. "Where are you off to?"

"I'm exploring the Trans Pennine Trail, looking for its treasures," Mandy said excitedly. "Want to come?" Sophie Squirrel's eyes sparkled. "I \*love\* collecting things! Let's find something special."

Side by side, they trotted along, listening to birds singing and leaves rustling in the wind.

"What kind of treasures are we looking for?" Sophie Squirrel asked.

"I heard there are magical places along the Trail - bluebell woods, old railway bridges, maybe even hidden sculptures!" Mandy Mole said.

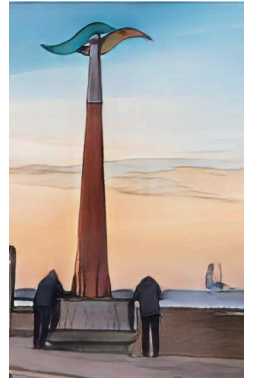
Sophie Squirrel twitched her tail. "Then we'd better keep our eyes wide open!"

As the Trail stretched ahead, the two friends felt a thrill of excitement. Who knew what surprises were waiting just around the bend!

**Look out for our next, Easter Activity pack in April to read the next stage in Mandy Mole's adventure**

**But before you go, discuss the story with your parents or carer and help Mandy Mole to answer the questions about her adventure.**

- 1 Where does Mandy Mole begin her adventure on the Trans Pennine Trail?
- 2 Who is the first friend Mandy Mole meets on her journey, and where do they meet?
- 3 Why does Mandy Mole want to explore the Trail?
- 4 What kind of treasures do Mandy Mole and Sophie Squirrel hope to find?
- 5 What do you think will happen next on their adventure?



Have you enjoyed doing the activities? Let us Know!



We'd love to hear your stories and see your photos! Please send them to us by email or tag us on social media!

Did you Know that we can send you a digital certificate for completing the activities?

Interested? Get in touch!



**Please Read:**

*When sending in pictures of family enjoying the activities, please confirm you are happy for us to use them in our marketing materials (such as on social media, leaflets and press releases)*

*We love seeing you all out enjoying the Trail!*



Did you know the **Trans Pennine Trail** is a special path that stretches 215 miles all the way across the middle of England, from the Irish Sea to the North Sea - coast to coast! But that's not all - if you count all the extra routes called spurs, there are 370 miles to explore! It's a giant adventure route where you can walk, cycle, ride horses, use a wheelchair or even push a buggy!

Along the way, you'll see forests, rivers, old railway paths and maybe even some interesting animals. It's a fun and safe way for families and friends to enjoy being outside and discover nature, whether you're a beginner or an experienced adventurer.

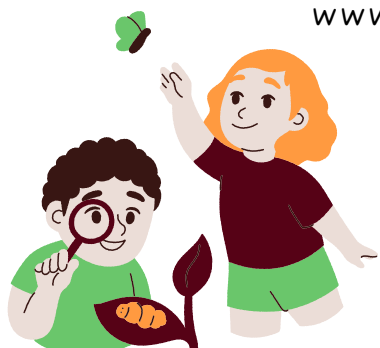
For more information please get in touch with the TPT Team.



To find out more about the Trans Pennine Trail go to:  
[www.transpenninetrail.org.uk](http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk)



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